

## Post 9/11 GI Bill

Effective August 1, 2009

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## Eligibility

Serves a minimum of 90 aggregate days after basic & skill training  
Eligibility extends to 15 years from separation

- Discharged from active federal service; or
- Released from active federal service and placed on retired or temporary disability retired list; or
- Released from active federal service for further service in a reserve component; or
- Released from active federal service to the Fleet Reserve

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## Active Duty for members of the reserve components

PL 110-252, Chapter 33, Section 3301

- Service on active duty under a call or order in accordance with Title 10 Section:
  - 688 or;
  - 12301(a) or;
  - 12301(d) or;
  - 12301(g) or;
  - 12302 or;
  - 12304

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## % of maximum benefit for cumulative AD after 9/11/01

36+ months	100
Medical discharge	100
30 – 36 months	90
24 – 30 months	80
18 – 24 months	70
12 – 18 months	60
6 – 12 months	50
90 days – 6 months	40

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## Maximum benefit

- 100% of in-state under graduate tuition and mandatory fees at public colleges, universities and community colleges
- Living allowance = E-5 (married) BAQ
  - Based on school's ZipCode
    - High and low in Michigan
      - Ann Arbor \$1,329/month; Sault Ste Marie \$749/month
    - Prorated based on % of maximum benefit payable
    - Distance learners and less than half time students are not eligible
- Books- \$1,000 per academic year (max)
- Licensing/Certification tests - \$2,000 (max)

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## Living Allowance

• Cent. Mich.	960	• Oakland Univ.	1,302
• East. Mich.	1,329	• Saginaw Valley	937
• Ferris State	979	• U of M	1,329
• Grand Valley	960	• U of M (Dearborn)	1,302
• LSSU	749	• U of M (Flint)	941
• MSU	1,104	• Wayne State	1,302
• Mich. Tech	902	• West. Mich.	1,042
• North. Mich.	911		

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## Institutions of higher learning

- Benefit requires attendance at institute of higher learning
- College, university or community college offering post secondary instruction leading to an associate or higher degree
- Technical or business school empowered by State Approving Authority (DELEG) to grant an associate or higher degree

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## Yellow Ribbon Program

- Private universities and colleges may sign agreement with VA to fund difference between their tuition and highest public tuition in state
- Only veterans eligible for maximum benefit can use Post 9/11 GI Bill at participating schools
- Private schools may limit participation

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### Irrevocable choice

- If eligible for the Montgomery GI Bill, Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve, or the Reserve Educational Assistance Program...
- ...once service member selects a Post 9/11 benefit they will no longer be eligible to receive benefits under a previously selected program

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### Comparison of Post 9/11 and Montgomery GI Bill

Type of training	Post 9/11	Montgomery
IHL (residence)	Yes	Yes
IHL (online)	Yes (no housing)	Yes
OJT or Apprenticeship	No	Yes
Flight training	No	Yes
Correspondence	No	Yes

### Comparison (cont)

Type of training	Post 9/11	Montgomery
Licensing & Certification	Yes	Yes
Nat. Testing	No	Yes
Entrepreneurship Training	No	Yes
Accelerated payment	No	Yes
Co-op training	No	Yes

### Transfer of benefits

- Each Service Secretary may establish policy to transfer benefit to spouse or children
- Current draft requires 6 or more years of service with total commitment of ten or more years
- Total family benefit not to exceed 36 months of education

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## The important stuff

- Eligibility applications begin May 1, 2009
- Class must start August 1, 2009 or later.
- Does the school award a degree?
- Irrevocable choice
- Prepayment of living allowance is very unlikely
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- 1.888.442.4551
- <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/bah.html>
- 517.241.2770 or [hessh@michigan.gov](mailto:hessh@michigan.gov)

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